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TOPIC Soviet Troops in WismarEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1DATE OF CONTENT 50X1-HUMDATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 4 May 1951REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS **REFERENCE COPY**
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1. On 8 March 1951, the Flak Kaserne on Luebschestrassse, Wismar (H 54/T 49), was occupied by troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few black-bordered red epaulets. Most of the officers observed wore artillery insignia. Officers seen on that day included one lieutenant colonel and two majors wearing artillery insignia, one captain and two senior lieutenants wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and one captain and two lieutenants wearing infantry insignia. No heavy weapons were observed. German residents said that AT guns and mortars were stationed in the installation. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area

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2. Officers were seen walking from the Flak Kaserne to the officers' billets opposite the installation. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were quartered at 141 Luebschestrassse. Truck was parked in the garden there. 50X1-HUM
3. The former German Air Force hospital and the Wangenheim Kaserne housed German shipyard workers. 50X1-HUM
4. Three SP guns left the Flak Kaserne on Luebschestrassse toward Luebeck on 12 March and one SP gun entered the installation on 15 March. An observation platform on the clock tower of one of the barracks buildings

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was occupied 24 hours a day by a sentry with a field glass.

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5. The Wangerheim Kaserne and the former German Air Force hospital were occupied by civilians between 12 and 24 March.

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6. Eighteen pontoons were built at the Hanse Shipyard on reparations account between 1 January and 1 March 1951. They were 18 paces long, 6 paces wide and had an average height of about 80 cm. They were built of 4-mm sheet steel and were provided with reinforcing ribs, sliding rails. The draught scale on the sides of the pontoons were white and red. On 5 March, the pontoons were picked up by about 12 trucks

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- * Comment. The 288th Gds Itz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt, both of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div, are definitely carried in the Flak Kaserne. Since neither of these two regiments have SP guns as standard equipment, it is possible that the SP guns observed by the second source belonged to an element of the 74th Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div from Schwerin, which may have temporarily moved to Wismar for training purposes.
- the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div was confirmed in Wismar until the beginning of March 1951.

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- ** Comment. The motor vehicle indicates that the pontoons may have been consigned to the 18th Mecz Div and the IX Itz Rifle Corps.

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